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Review

The Hamiltons' lucid study of the history of policy making in social welfare, from the New Deal to the present, is written from a black perspective and is meticulously researched and documented. Black civil rights organizations, seeking a universal social welfare system, jobs in the regular work force, and national hegemony over government programs, worked for policies that comprised a dual agenda: the pursuit of race-specific issues and the fight for a social welfare agenda that included all citizens regardless of race. Part of the story is that of the clash of the two agendas.... Highly recommended.

(Choice)

A richly detailed history of African American political strategy

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Review

Documents that, contrary to popular misconception, the civil rights agenda is an American agenda and not an African-American agenda. Organizations like the national Urban League and the NAACP have throughout their history labored to persuade this nation to live up to the edict in our Constitution that 'all men are created equal' and to honor the Preamble which calls upon government to 'promote the general welfare'.

(Hugh B. Price, President, National Urban League)

From the Back Cover

In *The Dual Agenda*, two of our most distinguished scholars transform our understanding of the history of civil rights and challenge critics like William Julius Wilson and Theda Skocpol who seek to replace a 'race specific' agenda for African Americans with class - neutral programs.

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